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Fifth police officer diagnosed with COVID-19

By Dalton Zbierski
Staff Writer

COVID-19

CHICOPEE – The COVID-19 cluster at the Chicopee Police Dept. has grown by one. After a fifth member of the department tested positive for the novel coronavirus, the city is continuing to monitor all law enforcement personnel at the Public Safety Complex on Church Street.

The most recent positive test was announced on Oct. 9. Four other members of the police department have tested positive for COVID-19, with the first positive test documented on Oct. 1.

All five employees who tested positive worked in close contact with each other during the days immediately preceding the cluster.

"All primary and secondary contacts have been tested twice, and there were no further positives. It still just remains a cluster of five," said Public Information Ofc. Donna Liszka on the evening of Oct. 14.

The department has suspended internal business and pistol permit appointments, but essential services are continuing while the officers continue to quarantine.

Liszka emphasized the critical role that the Health Deptartment and Office of Mayor John Vieau have played in the process of contact tracing and limiting the spread of the virus within the department and city.

"The Chicopee Police Department is very appreciative of the collaboration between the Chicopee Health Department and the Mayor's Office always, but especially during these times," said Liszka.

All members of the department are required to wear PPE and KN95 masks inside of police headquarters. The services of a private cleaning company are readily available when the department calls, and personnel have been updated repeatedly as the situation develops.

"Regarding the protocols here… different officers use each vehicle, so they sanitize the vehicles before and after their shifts," said Liszka.

CITY COUNCIL

The Chicopee Police Department was the subject of an extended discussion during the Oct. 6 meeting of City Council. The council unanimously approved several items that will allow the department to progress.

During last Tuesday's meeting, it was announced that the department has received a $21,586 JAG Grant from the Massachusetts Department of Justice. The grant required a public hearing to be approved, and funds will be used to purchase equipment.

On Oct. 6, the council also

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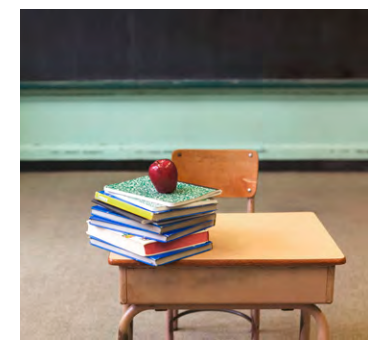

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COMMUNITY

Lesser lends Club his support

By Dalton Zbierski
Staff Writer

Sen. Eric Lesser of the 1st Hampden and Hampshire District has spent a good portion of the past seven years campaigning across the state, advocating for funding on behalf of Massachusetts Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs, including the Chicopee chapter.

There are 41 clubs in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Since joining the state legislature in Jan. 2015, Lesser has made it a priority to regularly visit each location that exists within his constituency.

The Boys & Girls Club of Chicopee on Meadow Street welcomed back Lesser with open arms on Oct. 7. In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, Lesser has been validated for

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COMMUNITY

City Council discusses new parking lot, Rivers Park projects

By Dalton Zbierski
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CHICOPEE – According to the Chicopee City Council, a redesigned Front Street parking lot will soon provide ample space for vehicles in the center of the city.

During the council's Oct. 6 meeting, the council approved a $691,884 appropriation from free cash that will be used to jump-start the project. The funds will be spent during the first phase of construction, which will combine four smaller parcels into one larger parking lot.

"It's been estimated conservatively to be the amount that we're appropriating to continue with the parking lot, which will also benefit our downtown," said Mayor John Vieau. "It's going to provide public parking. It will be a municipal parking lot on Front Street.

"To the general public, please know that we've been planning for this project. This money was set aside knowing that the expense would be somewhere in this ballpark."

The city of Chicopee is in the process of creating one large parking lot out of four separate parking areas that it controls outside of the City Hall Annex on Front Street.

The item passed by a vote of 11 to one. Ward 6 Councilor Derek Dobosz was the sole councilor who opposed the appropriation.

"I have some issues with this one," said Dobosz. "I appreciate what the mayor is trying to do and I know that parking is probably one of the biggest issues with the development downtown in general. I understand that, but I just have a hard time believing that this is at the top of our priorities. Between the COVID-19 and the possible financial consequences of it, it seems like it's a lot of money to spend."

Dobosz recommended that the city hold off on the project for another year or at least motion the item to the Finance Committee, but his plea was unsuccessful.

Councilor-at-Large James Tillitson said he believes that now is the time to begin con-

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Two new fire department recruits sworn in

By Dalton Zbierski
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New Chicopee Firefighter Holly Goulet stands beside her family at the Public Safety Complex shortly after an Oct. 9 ceremony.

New Chicopee Firefighter Liam St. Marie poses with his family after an Oct. 9 ceremony at the Public Safety Complex.

CHICOPEE – The Chicopee Fire Dept. embraced its two newest members during an Oct. 9 ceremony at the Public Safety Complex. Holly Goulet, 29, and Liam St. Marie, 22, will remember the occasion for the rest of their lives.

"This has been the most humbling and absolutely amazing experience that I've had so far in my life," said St. Marie. "It was an entirely new experience in the academy and it feels amazing to be finally done and finally part of the department. I'm very happy to be able to serve my community."

Goulet and St. Marie both recently completed a 10-week Firefighter Recruit Training program at the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy as part of the graduating Class S17. Goulet began the process of joining the department in 2018 and realized that aspiration last Friday.

"It took about two years," said Goulet before praising the department's atmosphere. "It's very much a family environment. Everybody is always trying to help each other out; everybody is looking out for each other. (St. Marie and I) started in February on the ambulance, and all the guys and girls were always trying to teach me whatever they could."

Both Goulet and St. Marie were EMT-certified prior to the COVID-19 pandemic and experienced a trial by fire during much of this year. Fire Chief Dan Stamborski said the new members took advantage of their time onboard the department's ambulance.

"They kind of got hired right in the height of COVID and worked very diligently and very hard, patiently waiting for the academy to open. They did a great job and never complained. They transported quite a few sick people," said Stamborski.

St. Marie's most memorable moment on the ambulance involved helping with a live birth. Crediting his partner for assistance, he recalled the unexpected moment as best he could.

"It doesn't happen everyday; it was a shocking experience and definitely my first one. I don't know if it will be my last, but it was pretty surreal. It shows you that anything can happen."

St. Marie's wife and infant child attended the Oct. 9 ceremony. Goulet was joined by several family members, as well as members of neighboring departments.

Mayor John Vieau arrived at the complex to swear in both new members. Speaking to Goulet and St. Marie, he made it clear that he holds the department in the highest regard.

"Welcome to one of the finest, bravest fire departments in the country: the Chicopee Fire Department. I'm proud of you. We need you, and welcome aboard. To join the team of Chicopee's bravest, when someone like me might be running out (of a building) and you're running in; that takes a lot of courage," said Vieau.

Goulet and St. Marie both began their official tenures as members of the Chicopee Fire Deptartment earlier this week. Goulet said she's excited to represent all of the young girls in western Massachusetts who dream of one day becoming firefighters.

"You can do it. People might say that females aren't supposed to be in this job, but as long as you are dedicated, set your mind to it and make sure you're strong enough mentally and physically, you can do it," said Goulet.

With two new members onboard, Stamborski is certain that the department's future is bright. He and his colleagues were energized after attending last Friday's function.

"All of it's great for morale. We need the help and we need the young people in here that will be working here, hopefully, for the next two or three decades," said Stamborski.

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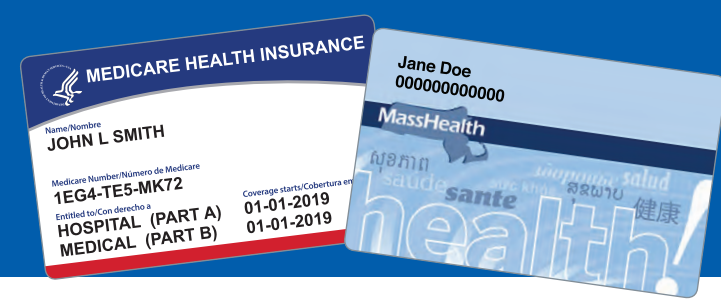

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School committee will likely relocate to City Hall next year

By Dalton Zbierski
Staff Writer

CHICOPEE – Next January, the Chicopee School Committee will likely relocate its meetings to the City Hall Auditorium.

During the committee's Oct. 7 meeting, Mayor John Vieau shed light on the expected transition into a refurbished facility.

"As we approach completion of the City Hall Phase 1 project, the auditorium, which will be a state-of-the-art audio/video recording studio, will be available for our meetings on the first and third Wednesday of the month and potentially for other meetings if necessary," said Vieau, who also serves as the committee's chair.

The committee unanimously supported the move during a discussion last Wednesday, but no official vote was taken on the item.

The City Hall auditorium is currently undergoing a $1.2 million renovation, as part of a larger $11 million project to repair the aging building.

The $1.2 million allocation was taken from the city's Public Education and Government Fund, using money that the city has accumulated through payments to Charter Communications. Chicopee Community Television's new studio will be housed in the space.

City Planner Lee Pouliot divulged that the meeting space will be available early next year.

"Right now, the contractor's schedule has substantial completion of all construction work happening sometime in November. Then, we'll need some time with the IT Department to train on all the new equipment and workout operations. I've been telling City Council that tentatively we should be in a position to start meetings in this space in January," said Pouliot.

Prior to the pandemic, the School Committee met in the School Department headquarters at 180 Broadway St. After meeting virtually for several months, the committee partially reconvened inside of the Chicopee Comprehensive High School Auditorium.

Inside of the high school on Montgomery Street, only a limited number of representatives are able to meet in-person. Numerous members have been forced to participate virtually, which led Ward 9 Rep. Mary Beth Costello to file an Open Meeting Law Complaint against the committee.

"I filed it because on Sept. 2 there were three elected officials who were notified that because of spacing at the Chicopee Comp auditorium we were not able to attend the meeting. I had people from my ward asking why I wasn't there," said Costello.

Costello said she could not let the situation grow worse. She felt as though taking action was her only choice.

"I didn't want to have this continue," said Costello. "I wanted to take some corrective action so that we could find a place as soon as possible that would accommodate all the members that are elected and want to come. Those who want to stay home, that's good too; that's their choice, and they're allowed to do it."

Costello's complaint may have partially influenced the city's decision to relocate the meeting space as soon as possible. Costello thanked Vieau for addressing her complaint with "quick corrective action."

Sandra Peret, the Ward 4 councilor, also appreciated the city's gesture. She said she was relieved that the spacing dilemma will soon be solved.

"This is a wonderful suggestion to move us to the auditorium in City Hall that offers a larger capacity for the public as well," said Peret. "I know the superintendent had called around to see if we could possibly go to the senior center, but that was not feasible. I saw the new setup for the meeting today and was quite pleased."

When it re-opens, for the first time in many years, the City Hall auditorium will be able seat up to 200 people. It will also provide enough spacing for the entire committee to meet in-person with little concern.

In other news, Superintendent Lynn Clark updated the committee on the state of school attendance. On Oct. 5, she said the district took another step in the right direction.

"Thank you to all the teachers and the staff out there. We phased in an additional 1,068 students beginning Monday. It has been certainly a lot of work, and teachers, parents, students and everybody are doing a lot of extra work. However, students are learning, and that's what we're all in this for, so we are very thankful," said Clark.

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approved a $16,515 grant that has been appropriated to the Police Special Account for Purchase of Cruisers from the available funds in receipts reserved for appropriation of police motor vehicles.

"We're receiving $16,515. That's going to the Reserve Motor Vehicle Damages because of a damaged vehicle that we received from insurance. We are not purchasing a vehicle; that's not enough to purchase one," said Mayor John Vieau.

Frank Laflamme, a councilor-at-large, said a public safety hearing will soon take place to discuss the state of the many vehicles that sit outside of the Public Safety Complex each day and night.

"One of the things that we want to look at is all the vehicles," said Laflamme. "We're getting people asking us why there are so many vehicles in the back and front. Hopefully, they'll explain it at that time."

A partnership with the Northampton Police Department was also mentioned during the Oct. 6 meeting. The Chicopee Police Department has partnered with the Northampton department, facilitating the Drug Addiction Response Team Program.

As part of the partnership, Northampton offered Chicopee a sum of $8,000, which City Council unanimously approved. The money will be used to decrease the impacts of substance misuse disorder and opioid overdose fatalities for people and families in the region.

"At first, I thought, why would they be giving us $8,000? But there are strings attached," said Councilor-at-Large James Tillitson. "There are certain things we have to share, and that's in writing with us and Northampton, so I think that clarifies the gift or whatever you want to call it."

"This is a partnership that the police department has been in with the town of Northampton," said Ward 8 Councilor Gary Labrie. "It's for drug addiction responses. We've agreed to share some information with them. We'll have responsibilities, and they'll have responsibilities, but it's an $8,000 grant that will be put to good use."

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During its Oct. 6 meeting, City Council approved an appropriation of $295,000 to be used for the removal of contaminants that lie below the spray park at Rivers Park on Chicopee St.

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struction.

"I thought it was kind of expensive myself, but we've been talking about it for 20 years, so it's probably time," said Tillitson. "I think everybody complains about lack of parking down here, so the only way we're going to get it is to do it right. There's never a good time to spend $700,000, but I'll support it tonight because I think that it's something we've been looking for for a really long time."

In order to create the space, the city bought several properties on Front Street and raised several structures that previously stood near the City Hall Annex.

"Anyone who has been down near City Hall knows that there's essentially four parking lots that have been created over the past few years: the one right next to the annex and then two pieces of property that have been leveled, and also the older, smaller parking lot further up the hill," said Ward 5 Councilor Fredrick Krampits. "This is going to be a uniform piece of property that will allow the maximum amount of parking, rather than parking on gravel."

During the same meeting, the council voted unanimously to appropriate $295,000 from free cash to the DPW Parks Special Account for Pool Design, Repair and Renovation. The funds will be used to remove contaminants from Rivers Park on Chicopee Street.

"We've received a grant for Rivers Park for $400,000, and when they were doing some testing they uncovered that we have some [polychlorinated biphenyls] that are in the original wading pool, which has been since asphalted over into a spray park... there's no danger to the public, but once you find out about these PCBs, you have to move them," said Mayor John Vieau.

Vieau clarified that the $295,000 taken from Free Cash originated from the $400,000 Parkland Acquisitions and Renovations for Communities Grant, which the city received last October from the state Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs.

"Part of the grant is to put in a new spray park. However, the location that it's going in has some problems. It has an elevated amount of PCBs and contaminants, and they must be removed according to state and federal regulations. That's the purpose of the appropriation," said Stan Walczak, Ward 9 Councilor and former Chicopee Parks and Rec. superintendent.

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Meet new editor, Elise Linscott

Dear readers,

As the new editor of the Chicopee Register, I'd like to take a few inches to say hello!

I've been with Turley Publications since February, formerly as editor of the Journal Register and Ludlow Register newspapers. I'm thrilled to be taking over the role held by my former colleague, Tyler Witkop, who was a dedicated reporter and editor with the Chicopee Register for years.

Since taking on this new assignment late last month, I've been busy delving into all Chicopee has to offer. It's been a perfect time of year to drive around and see the foliage, the festive Halloween decorations in front of local businesses and homes, and to visit the cafes and businesses that make Chicopee unique. I'm also enjoying getting to know the friendly faces greeting me everywhere I go.

I'm proud to see the paper displayed on local newsstands, and I intend to dedicate my time for the foreseeable future learning more about this city on a deeper level, with the help of Staff Writer Dalton Zbierski, who knows Chicopee inside and out. As a native and nearly life-long western Massachusetts resident, I'm always eager to explore more of our beautiful region, and my work affords me a wonderful opportunity to do that.

If there are any burning issues you'd like to see covered, or if you know any untold stories of local residents or businesses that are making a difference in the community, please feel free to drop a line – I can be reached at elinscott@turley.com.

I look forward to hearing from you.

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Can I get Social Security with my municipal pension?

By Russell Gloor
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Dear Rusty: I retired from a municipal Fire Department seven years ago at the age of 54. It is a private pension, and I was exempt from Social Security while I was working. I receive about $50,000 per year in pension benefits. I recently got a letter from Social Security saying I needed eight more credits of work to qualify for Social Security benefits. I was wondering if I worked two more years, paying into Social Security, would I qualify for benefits, since I am on a municipal pension? Signed: Retired Fireman

Dear Retired Fireman: Although your municipal Fire Department pension would reduce your Social Security benefit, it will not eliminate it. So, if you work and earn

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Rosemary Saccomani for Register of Probate

Dear Editor,

An important office in Hampden County is the little known office of the register of probate. People at some point in their life, when they need help, will have to work with this office. As an office within the Hampden County Family Court it handles; name changes, divorces, child support, adoption of a child, custody issues, resolution of paternity questions, estates of deceased relatives, processing wills, and forming trust funds.

An experienced, knowledgeable, and caring individual is needed to lead this office. Rosemary Saccomani has work for thirty years in the Probate Office. She served as Deputy Assistant Register of Probate for eighteen years, and also as a Magistrate at the Probate Court for eight years. Rosemary is an Instructor at Westfield State University and a certified mediator for Family Court issues.

Rosemary Saccomani's qualifications and experience make her uniquely qualified to serve as the next Register of Probate. She has helped individuals with issues and guided them through the probate process. What is more important is she knows the difficulties and anxiety people entering the office have, and will make them comfortable through the process of finding a resolution to their issues.

Please consider voting for Rosemary Saccomani as Hampden County Register of Probate.

Thank you,
Michael Pise
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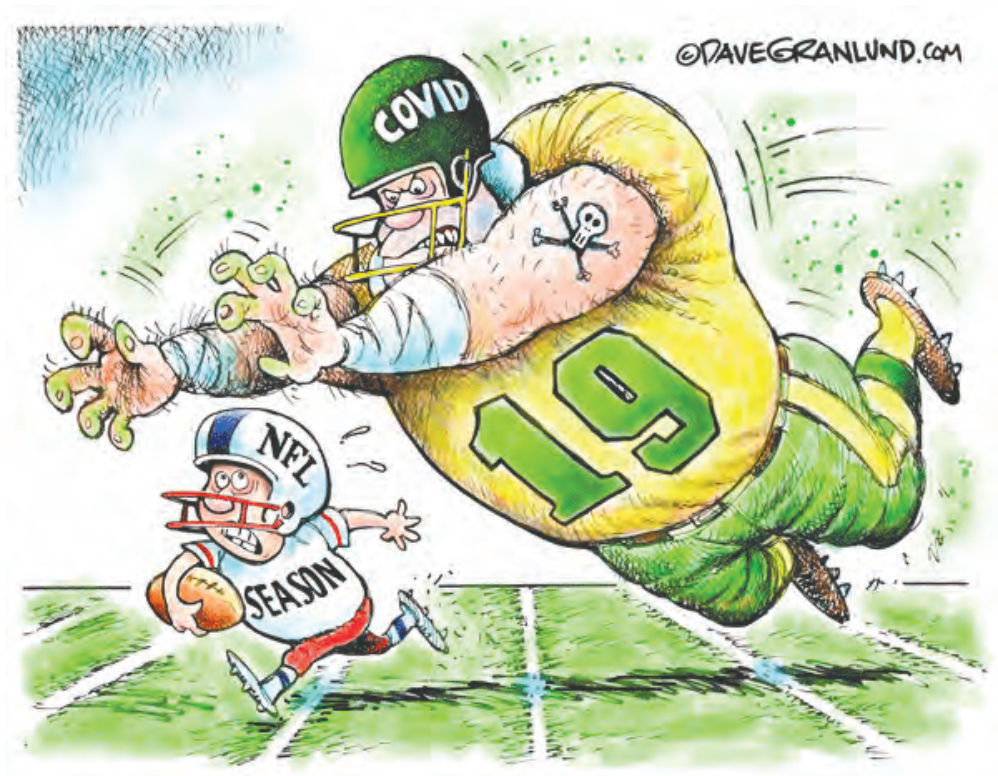

GUEST COLUMN

My favorite flowering bulbs and why

IN THE GARDEN

Roberta McQuaid

This is the first year in a long time that I won't be planting spring flowering bulbs. I want to, in fact I had more than one internet shopping cart close to the check-out point. But alas, the frugal side of me won, and I closed the cover of the laptop before reaching for the credit card. You see, I already have numerous bulbs in the yard. But for those of you embarking on the wonderful world of spring bulbs, here are a few tips to ensure your success followed by a few of my all-time favorite varieties.

The general rule of thumb for planting spring flowering bulbs is to sink them into the ground at a depth of two times the height of the bulb. For example: If a tulip bulb is three inches from its point to its base, then plant it six inches deep. The same rule determines how far apart you plant bulbs from one another, only this time it goes by width. Therefore, a crocus corm that is only one inch wide should be planted two inches apart from its closest neighbor. Nearly all gardeners agree that spring-flowering bulbs look most appealing when planted in clumps, rather than planted singly or in rows.

For major bulbs such as tulips, narcissus or hyacinth, this translates into groups of at least three. For so-called minor bulbs like crocus, galanthus and muscari, I'd plant five at the very minimum. If deer eat the tops of your emerging tulips or crocus, consider planting hyacinth and narcissus instead. Rodents often times find crocus bulbs yummy. Dissuade them by filling the bottom of the planting hole with sharp gravel. You can also try planting them in little cages made of half-inch galvanized hardware cloth.

Now for some of my favorites: 'Barrett Browning,' is a chart-topping daffodil with a creamy-white petals and a bright orange cup. It's a dependable bloomer in the garden and also does well indoors. Try forcing some of these in a pot for successful indoor blooms after a few weeks in the refrigerator. 'Thalia,' an entirely white daffodil, is an heirloom and known as the orchid narcissus. It's very fragrant and prolific. Poeticus daffodils have white petals, a red-rimmed "eye" and are unusually fragrant. Speaking of fragrant, many of the double daffodils sport a heady scent and 'Sir Winston Churchill' is no exception. An orange/yellow center is surrounded by numerous ivory petals.

Two of my favorite tulips hail from the single early class. Typically this group are short-stemmed, ranging in height from 12 to 18 inches and have egg-shaped blooms. Treasured heirlooms 'Couleur Cardinal' with its deep red flowers and 'Keizerskroon,' a red and yellow bicolor, are both single early tulips. Double early tulips bloom in late March/

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Dear Retired Fireman: Although your municipal Fire Department pension would reduce your Social Security benefit, it will not eliminate it. So, if you work and earn those additional eight credits you will be entitled to a Social Security benefit.

Because of your non-covered municipal pension your Social Security benefit will be affected by the Windfall Elimination Provision, which affects anyone who has a pension from an employer which did not participate in Social Security where neither the employee nor the employer paid into Social Security. WEP uses a special benefit computation formula which will result in you getting a smaller benefit, but you will, nevertheless, get some benefit amount if you have accumulated at least 40 quarters of Social Security credit. Note that your Social Security benefit amount will be further reduced if you claim it at age 62, or any age prior to your full retirement age.

You earn Social Security credits by working in a job where you pay FICA payroll taxes on your earnings, and you can earn a maximum of four Social Security credits per year. For 2020, you'll earn one credit for each $1,410 of earnings, up to a maximum of four credits for the year, but you don't need to work the entire year to get the credits. For example, if you work yet in 2020 and earn $5,640, which is four times $1,410, you'll earn the maximum four credits for this year.

You need a total of 40 quarter credits to become eligible for Social Security, and those credits never expire, so even old credits earned before your Fire Department career still count. And, even if small, this would be a benefit you have earned by contributing to Social Security, so there's little reason not to pursue it by gaining the needed additional credits.

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early April and come in a variety of pastel and bright colors. Durable stems top off at 10-12" tall. Try growing the yellow cultivar 'Monte Carlo' with an underplanting of blue hyacinth. Just stunning! One of my favorite all-time orange tulips is 'Gudoshnik,' a double- late tulip. Conjure up deep orange, butterscotch, rust and even sulfur and you will still be short a few shades when trying to describe this peony-like tulip to your gardening friends.

Either you love or you hate hyacinths. Some folks call them too stiff for the garden. Others say the fragrance is too strong for inside the house. This poor flower can't win. But for those of us who are fans, I say the more the merrier. We often see hyacinths in pastels, pinks and blues. Less common are the yellow and orange shades. Try 'City of Haarlem,' for a true light yellow or 'Gipsy Queen,' for a lovely tone of salmon.

All of this talk about spring flowering bulbs makes me want to open up the laptop to a certain shopping cart. You only live once, right? And having a few more flowers in the yard isn't such a bad thing, is it?

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For the last 28 years, she has held the position of staff horticulturalist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to ekennedy@turley.com with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.

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those additional eight credits you will be entitled to a Social Security benefit.

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STCC gears up for STEM Week Oct. 19-23

SPRINGFIELD – Springfield Technical Community College announces a series of events to be held during Massachusetts STEM Week, Oct. 19-23.

STEM Week 2020 is organized by the Executive Office of Education and the STEM Advisory Council in partnership with the state's nine Regional STEM Networks. It is a statewide effort to boost the interest, awareness and ability for all learners to envision themselves in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) education and employment opportunities.

The theme for the third annual statewide STEM Week is "See Yourself in STEM," with a particular focus on the power of mentoring.

Barbara Washburn, interim dean of the School of STEM at STCC, said the initiative represents an opportunity to learn about interesting and exciting real-world applications of STEM.

"We're thrilled to participate in STEM Week again this year. We have several engaging live and recorded virtual events planned," Washburn said. "As the only technical community college in Massachusetts, STCC is known for its high quality STEM programs, and this is a chance to showcase them. We invite our students and the general public to participate in these free events. We particularly encourage people who are underrepresented in STEM to join us. They include women, people of color, first-generation students, low-income individuals, English language learners and people with disabilities. We want to show how everyone can see themselves in STEM."

The following are events that will be held live through Zoom video conferencing. For more information and to register, visit stcc.edu/stem-week.

• Monday, Oct. 19, 11 a.m.-noon, "Farming While Black: Uprooting Racism, Seeding Sovereignty:" Naima Penniman, program director of Soul Fire Farm, will give a talk about the importance and value of food production. The presentation will explore racism in food distribution, access, and other related topics. etc. This is a collaborative event with HSI STEM, the Officer of Multicultural Affairs, the School of STEM, and the Urban Studies program.

• Tuesday, Oct. 20, 2 p.m.-3 p.m., "Know Where Your Food Comes From:" Speakers include Ibrahim Ali, co-director of Gardening the Community; Dr. Raja Staggers, assistant professor of sociology; Jose Lopez-Figueroa, director of Center for Access Services (CAS). The event features a panel discussion on the importance of food security, the prevalence of food deserts in our inner cities, the need to know where your food comes from, food access within the greater Springfield community. This is a collaborative event with HSI STEM, Multicultural Affairs, the School of STEM, and the Urban Studies program

• Wednesday, Oct. 21, 10 a.m.-noon, "Virtual STEM Careers Symposium:" Hosted by the STEM Starter Academy at STCC, this event features UMass professors and STEM industry leaders who will participate in an interactive symposium on STEM pathways and careers.

• Friday, Oct. 23, 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m., Dell Technologies webinar: Dell Technologies will host a webinar about employees' experience with the company

STEM Week will also feature recorded presentations featuring faculty in specific STEM programs. The following are planned:

• Physics: "The Science of Sports and the Engineering Behind Sports Equipment"

• Engineering: "Computer Application in Engineering"

• Optics and Photonics: "What is Optics & Photonics?"

• Math: "The Mathematics Behind Bin Packing"

• Manufacturing: "Extreme Precision: Splitting Hairs on a CNC Machine and Measuring Them in the Metrology Lab" and a video created in the Governors America Corp., an electronics manufacturer in Agawam

• Robotics: A demonstration of a Fanuc robot functioning as a pill sorter with Programmable Logic Controllers (PLC).

• Computers/IT: "What is Computer Systems Engineering Technology?

While there is a concentration of events planned for STEM Week, STCC offers STEM-themed discussion and presentation for students and the public throughout the year. In early October, STCC STEM Starter Academy joined students and researchers from UMass Amherst, Florida International University, and other universities and organizations from across the globe as part of the International Association for the Study of the Commons (IASC) Global Symposium on Commons Without Borders: Global Multiscale Ecosystem Frameworks. A playlist of the symposium's presentations is available on STCC's YouTube channel.

They're all-aboard:
Public comment opens on Palmer rail plan

By Michael Harrison
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PALMER — For the owners of Steaming Tender, it's not a matter of if an east-west rail line from Pittsfield to Boston will have a stop in Palmer, but when.

Scarlett Lamothe, whose father purchased the old Palmer Union Train Station in 1987 and turned it into the iconic downtown restaurant the family still operates today, said they recently acquired more nearby property for expanded parking. That's how confident they are that not only will Palmer once again be a prime destination along a thriving rail hub, but also in the power of railroads as an economic driver. It's part of the vision Lamothe's father had when he created the rail-themed restaurant, which is home to an array of vintage trains and related equipment that are a lure for locomotive enthusiasts from all over.

"He saw the potential Palmer had," Lamothe said. "It was a transportation hub. That's what Palmer was. It was known as 'The Town of Seven Railroads.' Palmer is a crossroads. We have to think always for the future and going forward."

Lamothe spoke as part of a panel that met via Zoom for a "Virtual Rally for a Palmer Rail Stop " that streamed live on Facebook and Twitter Oct. 8 ahead of the Oct. 16 release of a draft report of the Mass. DOT East-West Passenger Rail Study. That will trigger a 30-day public comment period on the study's three options, including a passenger depot in Palmer.

The rally was co-hosted by state Senators Eric P. Lesser and Anne M. Gobi, both longtime advocates of the rail plan.

FACEBOOK SCREENSHOT

Public officials and advocates of a rail stop in Palmer held a virtual rally last week ahead of this week's release of a draft study that opens a public comment period.

Train rally panelists

Also on the panel, which fielded some questions in real-time, were Linda Leduc, Karen Christensen, Ben Heckscher, Jessica Sizer, and Ben Hood. It streamed on Lesser's Facebook and Twitter accounts.

"We've got to get that Palmer stop," Lesser said. He made of point of explaining how each of the panelists is whole heartedly invested in the plan.

"Years back," he said, Lamothe, a former intern in Lesser's office tasked with taking a petition around, "dropped a humongous stack of signatures from young people" on a hearing table "while we were still trying to get the study through the legislature."

Convincing the Mass. Legislature to move forward after the public comment period ends is still a major hill to climb, the panelists said. But they believe the public is on their side.

"This is awesome," Gobi said.

"No one [among the general public] is lacking in enthusiasm. It's good for everybody. This isn't just a Palmer issue. It's for the whole region to revitalize. All we're asking for is a little equity here. Look what it can do not just for our region, but for the entire state. That's the message, and that's the message we have to keep pushing forward with those who have been working on the ground on this," she said.

1915 Porter Steam Locomotive greets customers and train enthusiasts at Steaming Tender, whose owners are advocates for a Palmer rail station. The restaurant was created inside the old Palmer Union Station.

"Ware is a strong support base for us," Ben Hood, co-founder of Citizens for a Palmer Rail Stop, said.

"Back then it seemed like a dream, but I think we're a lot closer now. We have that regional representation now. College students want [the stop]."

Trains could serve colleges

In a reference to UMass in Amherst, Hood said "we are historically their train stop in Palmer. It's just that we haven't been served by a train for a very long time. I think college students tend to like trains. Younger people tend to like trains and want trains, and we don't have enough of them for them."

Hood said next month, the town council in Amherst is going to consider a resolution in favor of an east-west passenger rail with a stop in Palmer.

"In context of a rally, I wish we had people from Amherst on this call," he said.

"When we were in a meeting in Springfield and there were a lot of people who stood up from Amherst, from UMass, from that community, what they were interested in was having a stop here in Palmer that would serve them and connect Boston and Amherst through Palmer. And it's not as if they don't get off that train. We get them right here in Palmer, and we think there will be a big boost to our downtown having that traffic there."

Palmer Town Councilwoman Jessica Sizer has no problem envisioning it.

"As a lifelong resident of Palmer and the daughter of a railroad engineer, I can really see the benefit of making this form of transportation accessible to as many people as possible. But I also come at it as a [graduate] of UMass Amherst and while I was there there were so many students who spoke out about the need for rail and while they might not know Palmer so well, I was able to bring Palmer into the conversation and say 'hey, I know you want that internship in Boston and UMass just opened that campus near Boston. How great would it be if you could jump on a train and get to that area?' A lot of people in Amherst don't have cars because they come from all over the world to go to school in Western Mass. and they don't necessarily have their own form of transportation."

Sizer pointed out that a bus line already runs from the UMass area to near where a Palmer rail station would be built.

"So I think Palmer is in a really unique position to be an access point for the 'five-college' area," she said.

Stitching state together

Ben Heckscher of the advocacy group Trains in the Valley, said "It takes advocacy at all levels."

He stressed that expanding rail lines should not be considered some new, radical idea.

"It's about stitching parts of our state together, with different ways to move around the state. "If you look to other countries or different parts of [the U.S.] are doing, what we're trying to create is not something unreliably new that we should not do it. We're trying to do what others have done."

Heckscher expressed his group's frustration with the Mass. Department of Transportation, which he said makes flimsy excuses for not embracing the plan.

"They don't have a 'can-do' attitude. They have a 'can't-do' attitude," he said.

"How do we move this forward as a long-term project?" Heckscher asked rhetorically.

"Success breeds success," Gobi said.

Economic boon

Palmer Town Planner Linda Leduc, a member of the East-West Rail Advisory Committee, thanked Lesser and Gobi for

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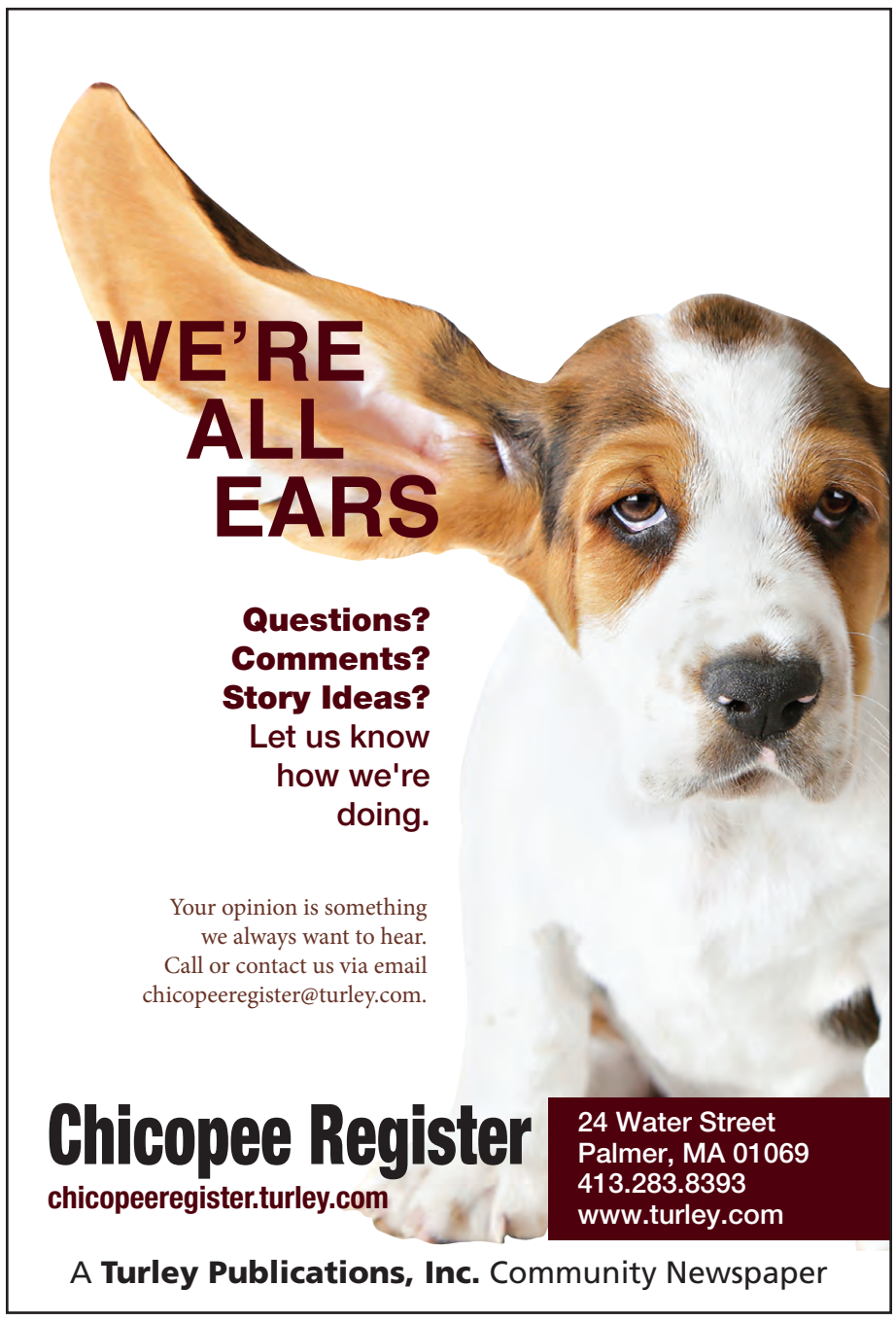

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the countless hours he's spent championing the Alliance on Beacon Hill.

"I've been a long-time supporter of the Boys & Girls Clubs (including) this whole time I've been in the legislature," said Lesser. "I frankly feel, in many respects, vindicated by that work, because they stepped up at a time of great need."

Lesser noted that clubs across the state served as community meal sites many times during the heart of the pandemic. He also commended them for creating remote learning platforms, enabling club members to access programming while stay-at-home orders were in place.

Children and teenagers returned to the Chicopee club on July 30, and the building is operating at less than half of its standard capacity. Sanitization and safe practices are integral to the operation, a detail that caught Lesser's attention at the onset of the visit.

"Part of why I'm coming is just to take a look at their protocols, and I can already see that every single person has a mask, everyone is very conscientious about following rules, someone is here disinfecting right now so, yes, I feel completely confident in the work that they're doing," said Lesser.

The Chicopee club is operating on a $1.3 million budget, but

[Submitted by Molly Trowbridge of the Office of Sen. Lesser] L to R: Jenn Aldworth, Executive Director of the Massachusetts Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs stands next to Sen. Eric Lesser and Chicopee Boys & Girls Club Executive Director Jason Reed on Oct. 7.

Deonte Brown of the Chicopee Boys & Girls Club sanitizes playground equipment on the afternoon of Oct. 7.

Executive Director Jason Reed predicted that the figure could drop by approximately $200,000 on account of the pandemic. At the current moment, the club has sufficient PPE and is adhering to social distancing mandates.

"The requirement is based on square footage, so we have to have at least 42 sq. ft. per child in our program. Given our facility and given how we set up our program space so that the kids can have the most options and flexibility while they're here, that's what we put in place," said Reed.

Prior to entering the facility each morning or afternoon, club staffers must pass a temperature screening and complete a checklist pertaining to symptoms. Children and teenagers are also subject to screening.

Lesser complimented the work that has been accomplished by the Chicopee staff and expressed his belief that the facility is a crown jewel of the city.

"They're the ones who have stepped up to do the essential childcare services, so I frankly don't know what we would do without them," he said. "[The clubs are] really anchors for our communities, and we have to make sure that they stay strong through all of this."

Traditional club activities range far beyond kickball and jump-roping. Across the state, clubs offer programs that shed light on topics ranging from literacy to substance abuse.

Lesser is confident that the state will continue its support of the Alliance during this difficult time. He feels as though there is no other adequate choice.

"We need the state to do everything possible to help our Boys & Girls Clubs and we need our state leaders to be there for them," said Lesser. "We have to make sure the state is supporting them. They can't do this by themselves. They need the Department of Public Health, they need the governor, they need the legislature working in concert with them so that they have the tools that they need and they have the resources that they need to provide these essential services."

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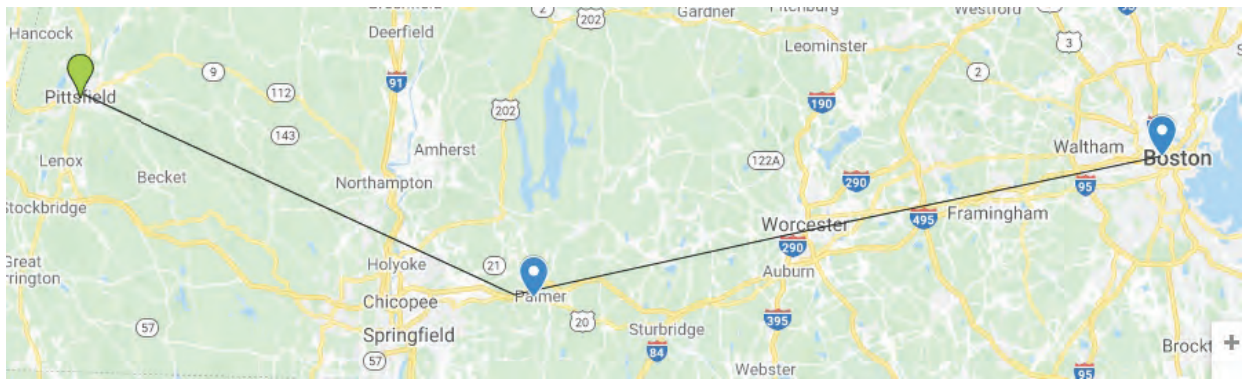
Early voting at City Hall

CHICOPEE – Early voting will be held at City Hall from October 17 – 30.

Hours will be Saturday and Sunday, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., and Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

The Second entrance inbetween City Hall and the Annex will be used for early voting purposes only. Early Voters will only be able to use the elevator or the back stairwell to reach the fourth-floor chambers. Screening protocols will be in place; early voters will be asked to have their temperature screened by the door monitors, but no one will be denied their right to vote, according to a statement from city officials.

There will be an increased frequency in cleaning and disinfecting of high-touch areas within the chambers, elevator, and doors. Hand sanitizer, masks and gloves will be provided for early voters and staff as necessary.



GOOGLE MAPS SCREENSHOT

If ultimately approved, a new passenger line would run from Pittsfield to Boston with a stop in Palmer.

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their work on the project and talked about how a Pittsfield to Boston train with a stop in Palmer can help level the playing field economically for people who live along the line, especially those in rural communities.

"It would be a shame if we made this investment and then left the smaller, rural towns out of the loop – 175,000 people in 21 communities," she said. Leduc talked about what it would represent to them as well as those around the stop in Palmer.

"We need to have an intermediate stop to make it fair to give people access to employment and other opportunities."

Leduc, who said transportation is one of the topics when the Palmer master plan committee holds its next meeting at the end of the month, wants officials in Boston to realize "it's not just a Western Mass deal" and that a Palmer rail station would reverberate economically in both directions. For example, while it would help people in this area connect with higher paying jobs in the metro area, the rail line could mean access to affordable housing for others willing to commute.

"It's a full state benefit," Leduc said. [Addressing] the housing crisis in Boston doesn't have to be done through a housing bill."

Another rail advocate, Karen Christensen, of The Train Campaign, said "Palmer is the perfect example" of what she said is "system thinking" and that a rail stop here is a boost for sustainability.

"To make good decisions you have to think about a system and this applies so perfectly to rail. And Palmer is [good] example. Universities are an amazing economic driver. We know this in Boston. We know this in Silicon Valley, frankly. By connecting that kind of economic capital there…Western Massachusetts has been an area of innovation for a long time, so the connection to the Five-College area is incredibly important to Palmer. We can't think of just going from 'A' to 'B' and then back to 'A.' It's about building a network."

One thing Lesser said he doesn't want to hear from other legislators who aren't on-board with the plan – which Gobi said could realistically come on-line within five years if given the green light – is that it's too difficult.

"There are trains in the Alps," he said. "This isn't putting a man on the Moon."

And considering the need for an economic boost in the region, Lesser says this is essential.

"Our communities in Western Mass are great places to live and great places to grow up, but we're struggling," he said.

"We've seen the job losses, we need the investment, we need the job creation and the great thing is that Boston needs it too because nobody can afford to live in Boston. We know what it takes to get our communities back – it's investment in infrastructure. It's a transformational investment that gets us to a new future that's brighter, and better, and more fair and equitable than the one that we had before."

Gobi, who earlier in the rally talked about how rail transportation provided an opportunity for her grandfather and other immigrants to earn a living in their new country, said the initiative has come too far to not see it through.

"This has been a long process," she said, and the project's advocates need to do "whatever we have to do to get the folks in Boston on-board with this."

Want to know more?

A draft report is due out Oct. 16 and will be available at mass.gov/east-west-passenger-rail-study. A videoconference via Zoom is scheduled for on Oct 22, 6 to 7:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend. Specifics on how to attend will be available on Mass.gov closer to the meeting date. You can watch all of last week's rally on Lesser's Facebook page. It also shared it on the Journal Register's Facebook page and can be viewed it there as well.

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Child and babysitting safety class

CHICOPEE – The Parks Department is offering a Child and Babysitting Safety class for youth ages 11 years and older. The class will be held at the Szot Park Pavilion on Oct. 24, from 10 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. The cost is $75 for residents $80 for non-residents.

The class will cover topics such as playtime, behavior management, phone skills, common do's and don'ts, bathing, feeding, changing diapers and fire safety. Class space is limited. To register, go to www.chicopeerec.com.

Baystate Health to provide free COVID-19 testing

Special testing will run Oct. 14 – 29

SPRINGFIELD – In an effort to offer additional COVID-19 testing where needed in the community, Baystate Health is collaborating with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to expand COVID-19 testing in the region via the Commonwealth's Stop the Spread program.

Expanded testing is being offered beginning Wednesday, Oct. 14 at 298 Carew St. in Springfield and 164 High St. in Greenfield. Testing will occur on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons from 1 to 4 p.m. and continue until Thursday, Oct. 29.

Those interested must schedule an appointment to be tested by calling (413) 794-0012 only between 5-8 p.m. Monday through Friday. Up to 150 appointments will be scheduled per site per day

The events are part of the state's Stop the Spread program, where the Commonwealth is launching strategic testing in communities across Massachusetts that have continued to see a higher number of residents testing positive for COVID-19.

The testing is offered at no cost and no physician referral is needed to be tested. Results will be available within 48 hours.

A free packet of 10 masks per family will also be handed out.

For more information on Baystate Health services, visit www.baystatehealth.org.

Garden Club meeting on importance of native plants goes virtual

SPRINGFIELD — The Springfield Garden Club October program, "Why We Care About Native Plants" featuring Dan Jaffe, on Friday, Oct. 16 at 12 p.m. will be presented via Zoom.

In an abundance of caution and thanks to the help of technology, the lecture will be broadcast via Zoom. Current Springfield Garden Club Members will receive information on accessing the lecture and guests can request access information by emailing spfldgardenclub@gmail.com.

Questions for Jaffe will be accepted through the "chat" function of Zoom and will be answered in real time.

Dan Jaffe is a well-known horticulturist, propagator and landscape designer. He earned a degree in botany from University of Maine, and an advanced certificate in Native Plant Horticulture and Design from the New England Wild Flower Society. He is currently the staff photographer, horticulturalist and propagator for Norcross Wildlife Sanctuary.

Prior to joining Norcross Wildlife Sanctuary, Jaffe was the senior plant propagator at Garden in the Woods. He is also the co-author of Native Plants for New England Gardens, which features his captivating photographs.

Jaffe will discuss how to select and combine the right species for specific site conditions, and how this community-oriented approach can be applied to plantings of all sizes. Join the meeting to learn how to create healthy, resilient plant communities that are beautiful and ecologically vibrant.

For more information on this and other Springfield Garden Club events go to www.gcfm.org/springfieldgardenclub or visit us on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/SpringfieldMAGardenClub/

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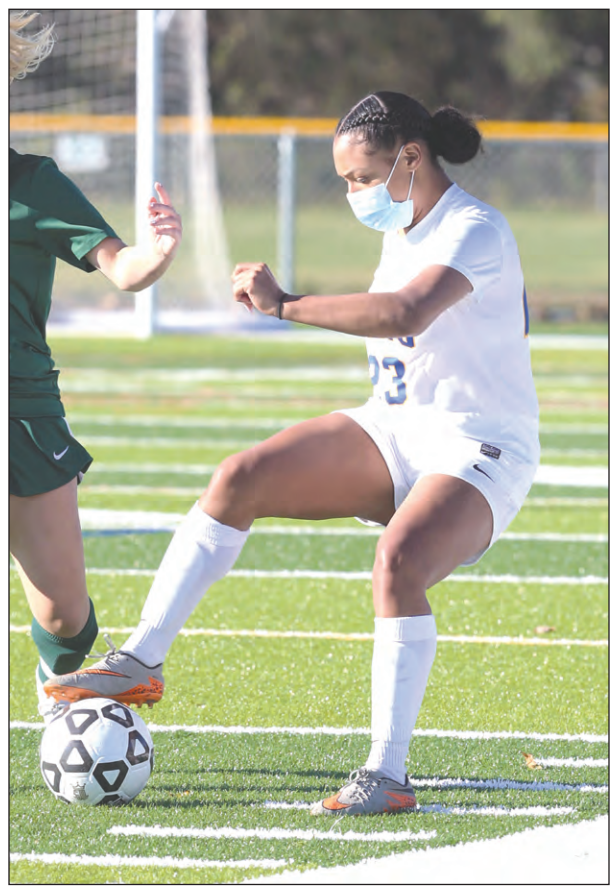
Comp shutout by Falcons

Samantha Breton starts moving up the field.

Madelyn Rice rolls the ball out to an opponent.

Lindsay Reidy stutter-steps before dribbling up the field.



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Jarissa Rosario attempts to fake out her opponent. CompGirlsD

WILBRAHAM – Last Thursday afternoon, the Chicopee Comprehensive High School girls soccer team was shut out by Minnechaug. Minnechaug led 1-0 most of the game before scoring two goals late in the fourth quarter. Comp dropped to 1-1 for the season.

VOLLEYBALL

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Raquel Terrazas bumps from the back line.

Madeline Seymour makes a backward hit for the Colts.

Colts dominate Lions

CHICOPEE – Last Thursday afternoon, the Chicopee Comprehensive High School girls volleyball team took care of Ludlow 3-0. The quick set included a dominating 23-5 final set.

Buffone takes Street Stock Open at World Series event

THOMPSON, Conn. — Belchertown, MA's Christopher Buffone was both good and lucky on his way to the $1,000 win in the Street Stock Open at Connecticut's Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park on Friday, October 9. Buffone inherited the lead with less than two laps remaining in the 25-lap feature and took the victory on the first night of the 58th Annual Sunoco World Series of Speedway Racing.

The youngster had surrendered the lead to Pascoag, RI's Chad Baxter on the 17th circuit. With laps winding down, it seemed Buffone could only watch Baxter drive off into the night. However, as the field entered turn one after getting the two-to-go signal, Baxter's engine went up in a cloud of smoke. His loss was Buffone's gain as the latter sped to a thrilling victory in his first-ever start at Thompson Speedway.

Incredibly, it was the third time one of Buffone's challengers had been waylaid by mechanical troubles. Buffone earned the pole by charging from 12th to 4th in his qualifying race, netting him a +8 under the "plus-minus" system. After leading the first seven laps, Buffone gave way to Candia, NH's Jimmy Renfrew Jr., who came from seventh on the grid to sweep underneath him.

Coming out of turn two on the 10th lap, though, Renfrew's car shut down, handing the lead back to Buffone. A caution then came out for an unrelated incident involving Ed Flanagan Jr.'s stalled car. Renfrew's teammate Alby Ovitt, a many-time 8-cylinder Street Stock winner, lined up alongside Buffone for the restart. But Ovitt shut down as well after the green, taking another con-

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Owls to get own locker room

WESTFIELD – Westfield State Athletics has announced a campaign to outfit a new hockey locker room for the Owls' varsity program.

Westfield State recently reached a license agreement with Amelia Park Arena in Westfield for a dedicated locker room for the Owls' varsity ice hockey program.

"This is a great step forward for our men's ice hockey program," said Westfield State Athletic Director Richard Lenfest, Jr. "Since we returned the program to varsity status in 2008, a lot has changed in intercollegiate ice hockey and having a dedicated space for the team had become a priority."

"It has been a long time coming", said Kevin Chrisanthopoulos, President of the Board of Trustees for Amelia Park Ice Arena. "Our facility has always had a great relationship with WSU athletic programs, and this partnership further solidifies that relationship and finally provides their varsity hockey program with a dedicated locker room. I'm proud that we were able to finally make this a reality."

Westfield State hockey alumni banded together in the early and mid-2000's to form the "Blueliners Club" which supported the fundraising effort which restored hockey to varsity status in 2008 after an 18-year hiatus.

Current Washington Capitals head coach Peter Laviolette is a 1986 graduate of Westfield State and was a four-year member of the Owls hockey team, who helped lead the first Blueliners campaign. Laviolette has already lent his support to the new fundraising effort, recording video message to his fellow alumni to start the campaign.

"I can tell you, being a coach, there's nothing like having a locker room - it's a sense of home and a sense of identity for your team to come in and be a part of," said Laviolette. "It will benefit the current players and be a tremendous recruiting tool for incoming players to continue to push Westfield State hockey into an elite MASCAC team."

"We are lucky and grateful to have Coach Laviolette in our corner as an alumnus," said Westfield State men's ice hockey coach Bob Miele, "and to have the support of all the alumni who have come through the program. They know how important this is for us to continue to improve our hockey team," said Miele, who has been the team's head coach since 2009 after serving as an assistant coach in the team's return season.

"One of the first questions players ask when we are recruiting them is about the rink and the locker room," said Miele. "This will definitely be a new feature for our program and will help tremendously."

"Amelia Park has been our home since 2008," said Miele. "The new room will really give our program a home atmosphere and home ice advantage as well."

"I'd like to thank the Amelia Park board of trustees, including board president Kevin Chrisanthopoulos, facilities chair Don Goodreau, and arena general manager Bruce Landon in all their efforts in reaching an agreement that benefits our ice hockey team, and creates additional locker room space in the arena," said Lenfest. "We had discussed options with the rink management for quite some time in making this agreement a reality."

"Our men's ice hockey program, led by coach Miele, recruits qualified student athletes from not just New England, but all over the U.S., and international players as well," said Lenfest.

Westfield's 2019-20 roster featured players from nine different states, Canada, Czech Republic, Finland and New Zealand.

The Owls finished 12-10-5 overall in the 2019-20 season and advanced to the semifinals of the Massachusetts Collegiate Athletic Conference tournament.

Owls' alumni Dennis Zak '11, Vince Perrault '14 and Jackson Leef '17 were each named as MASCAC player of the year during their tenure in Westfield. Multiple Owls have signed minor-pro contracts after playing at Westfield State, highlighted by Leef, who has played several seasons in the ECHL and earned a call up to the American Hockey League in 2018.

Amelia Park Arena is located at 21 S. Broad St. in Westfield, less than three miles from the Westfield State University campus. The main arena is a 47,000 square foot facility that includes an NHL-sized ice rink with a capacity for over 1,000 spectators for hockey, five large team rooms, three conference/party rooms, skate rental, and concessions. The facility was built in 2000 by late philanthropist Albert Ferst, in memory of his wife Amelia. Throughout their lifetimes, the Fersts made it a priority to give back to the community, especially the youth, in providing positive opportunities.

The Owls will take occupancy of the team locker room for the 2020-21 season, once construction is complete on the new locker room five at Amelia Park. Westfield State hopes to complete improvements in the room in the summer of 2021.

For more information on the locker room project, or how to contribute to the campaign, please contact Dave Caspole, Associate Athletic Director for External Affairs at 413-572-5433 or dcaspole@westfield.ma.edu or Major Gifts Officer Marnie Dacko at 413-572-8648 or mdacko@westfield.ma.edu.

SUBMITTED PHOTO

Christopher Buffone, of Belchertown, was the winner in the Street Stock event last weekend.

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tender out of the running.

After trading some paint on the next restart, Buffone led a five car breakaway with Baxter, Corey Hutchings, Devon McConologue, and Kyle Gero. Baxter made his move on the 17th circuit, sticking his nose out front and then clearing Buffone a lap later. The final yellow flew with five laps to go when Flanagan again stalled his automobile. Baxter easily handled Buffone when the green flag flew, but his engine could not go the distance, letting Buffone snatch the win.

Hutchings grabbed second followed by McConologue and Gero. Christopher Smith, Corey Fanning, Shawn Monahan, Jon Porter, Paul Williams, and Don Perry completed the top-10.

Like Buffone, Sterling, CT's Jared Roy also made the most of some good fortune to get the win in the Thompson Mini Stock feature. Roy took the green flag in fourth for the 20-lap main event. Entering turn two on the first lap, though, polesitter Dave Trudeau drifted high and looped it. Second- and third-place starters Tommy Silva and Steve Michalski made hard contact trying to avoid him, sidelining both for the night.

As a result, Roy suddenly found himself in the lead. He darted away from the pack once, then did so again following another yellow on lap nine for Jeff Mazzella's spin. Trudeau tore back through the field and tried to chase down Roy in the closing laps. He could get no closer than three car lengths, though, as Roy capped the season with a victory.

Trudeau finished second. Chris Taylor came in third while Dave Trudeau Jr. topped a dogfight with Russell Barboza for the fourth spot.

Ben Levangie of Plymouth, MA went wire-to-wire to win the 15-lap Vintage Modified Open feature. Hauppauge, NY's Mark Miller moved up to second early and was gaining on Levangie at the halfway mark.

However, as the field came down the backstretch for the ninth time, Miller's engine expired and set him to the pits. It was smooth sailing from there for Levangie as he won by half a straightaway over Unionville, CT's Gary Byington. Bobby Gegetskas completed the podium.

Rick MacDowell of Sheffield, MA held off a snarling pack of Senior Tour Auto Racers Late Models to win the 15-lap feature. MacDowell got the jump over Nassau, NY's Robert Keefner following the race's only caution at lap five when Bob Seward shut down in turn three. He then led a multi-way battle down the stretch with five cars under a blanket at the front.

Housatonic, MA's Joseph Keefner chased MacDowell over the final laps, but could not do anything with him and crossed the finish line in second right on MacDowell's bumper. Bob Guyon, Joe Henderson, and Gary Moore rounded out the top-five.

Alan Zemla made the trip from Windham, ME worth the drive with a victory in the Senior Tour Auto Racers Modifieds. Zemla went nose to nose with Higganum, CT's Skip Swiantek throughout the 20-lap event as the top six ran door-to-door and bumper-to-bumper.

Swiantek poked a wheel out from entering turn three multiple times, but Zemla came back each time, beating him the checkered flag by a few feet. Thomas Trempe edged Gregg Massini for third with Darryl Dutch taking fifth.

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By Gregory A. Scibelli
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The fall season is underway and Turley Publications has been back out covering the action for the first two weeks.

We continue to ask for help on this season in order to bring the best coverage we can possibly manage and fill our pages with names and color.

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We have a limited number of staff to start the school year due to the pandemic, and while we strive to get to as many games as possible, we cannot get to everywhere.

If you are a parent, coach, or even player, and you have information or photographs to share, we definitely want to hear from you.

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Baker-Polito Administration announces COVID-19 measures for fall and winter

BOSTON – The Baker-Polito Administration provided an update this week on a series of initiatives that will keep supporting the residents of the Commonwealth to stop the spread of COVID-19 and ensure the state's readiness status heading into the fall and winter.

Led by the COVID-19 Command Center, the Administration outlined today inter-departmental programs that have been built or expanded since the start of the pandemic in March, all of which strengthen the Commonwealth's ability and capacity to respond if COVID cases in Massachusetts increase. This includes:

One of the most robust testing networks in the nation

A first-in-class contact tracing network

Investments and strengthened initiatives to provide appropriate care for older adults and staff at long-term care facilities (LTCF)

- Hospital preparedness plans
- PPE stockpile investments
- Health and Safety requirements to protect teachers and students as schools re-open
- A cautious phased approach to resume business activity.

Testing

Since the start of the pandemic, approximately 4.8 million tests have been administered to more than 2.4 million residents in Massachusetts. Growing steadily from approximately 2,000 tests per day in March to about 13,000 a day in May, today approximately 65,000 tests are administered every day. A key driver in this success has been the Stop the Spread initiative, which has sites in 18 of the highest-risk communities.

The Administration this week announced that the Stop the Spread initiative has been extended through December. As part of its readiness, the state now has the in-state lab capacity to process more than 100,000 tests per day if demand warrants. This level of testing, which has an average turnaround time of 1.8 days, is part of a strong readiness foundation to identify COVID, stop the spread and inform policy through data analysis.

Contact Tracing

In April, responding quickly to the increasing number of cases, the Commonwealth established the Contact Tracing Collaborative (CTC), a collaboration between the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, local boards of health and Partners in Health. Today, this network includes just under 2,000 workers who maintain regular connection with and support for individuals who are isolated in quarantine. A team of epidemiologists was recently added to CTC to investigate cases, identify the source of transmission and catch clusters early. To date, more than 100,000 people have been contacted.

Hospital Readiness

Today, hospitals are required to continue adherence to the policies put in place upon reopening to ensure continued readiness, including inventories of PPE, ICU nursing staffing ratios and strict policies to ensure sufficient inpatient capacity. Massachusetts hospitals have approximately 50% ICU capacity available, plus additional beds can be made available by converting medical or surgical beds through established and proven procedures. Further, temporary spaces can be utilized again. In the spring, the state set up five alternative medical sites. MEMA is prepared to rapidly reinstate these if necessary.

LTCF Readiness

Caring for older adults in LTCF has been a priority since the earliest days of the pandemic. Early on, the state provided approximately 2.8 million pieces of PPE to nursing homes and opened dedicated COVID isolation spaces and facilities to safely cohort and protect residents and staff and help stop the spread. An additional measure to protect staff and residents, the state implemented a surveillance testing program ahead of federal guidance. From July 1 to Oct. 8, approximately 280,000 state-financed tests for residents and staff have occurred. The Commonwealth has retained clinical rapid response teams if severe staffing shortages occur. The latest set of reforms, which include more than $400 million in new funding for infection control and staffing, build on the legislatively authorized Long Term Care Facility Commission's report.

PPE Stockpile

In the early days of the pandemic, the global supply chain struggled to deliver critical PPE. Massachusetts pursued every piece of this important protective measure and partnered with local manufacturers, which pivoted operations to support essential workers in a time of need. The Commonwealth has added millions of pieces of PPE to the state stockpile over the last several months with sufficient material to support medical institutions if their supplies run low through 2021. In addition to masks, gowns, gloves and other PPE, the stockpile includes approximately 1,200 ventilators, almost double the number on-hand in the spring. For perspective, the peak number of ICU patients was 1,085 in April.

K-12

After extensive consultation with infectious disease physicians and pediatricians, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education provided districts with detailed guidance on how to develop plans for safely delivering in-person instruction. The guidance was endorsed by the Massachusetts Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics. The Department of Public Health (DPH) developed town-by-town health metrics to guide school districts on whether to be fully in-person, hybrid, or remote, based on three weeks of community-wide data. DPH has also made available rapid-response mobile testing for any school that experiences a COVID cluster.

To help districts bring their children back to school, the Governor allocated nearly $1 billion to municipalities and school districts, through formula distributions of COVID Relief Funds and targeted grants, providing students with access to computers and connectivity. In collaboration with legislative leaders, the Administration has committed to increasing Chapter 70 school aid, adjusting for inflation and enrollment, to ensure stable funding even in this very challenging economic and fiscal climate.

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The Zoning Committee of the Chicopee City Council will hold a public hearing **Wednesday, October 28, 2020 at 6:30 PM*** in the Council Chambers, 4th floor, City Hall Annex, 274 Front Street, Chicopee, MA 01013 to discuss the following:

Special Permit application under Chapter 275-52 B (11) for the purpose of producing specialty jams and jellies for retail and wholesale (production only) located at 18 Curtis St. Applicant – Ruth N. Adams, 18 Curtis St., Chicopee, MA 01013.

The plans/application can be viewed on the City Council website https://www.chicopeema.gov/880/Pending-Applications

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The petition and materials related to this proposal are on file in the Office of the City Council, Chicopee City Hall, 274 Front Street, (plans and applications are also available on the City Council website https://www.chicopeema.gov/880/Pending-Applications.) You may also call (413) 594-1435 or email aczarniecki@chicopeema.gov.
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Special Permit application under Chapter 275-58 C (5) for the purpose of adding a second residential unit within a business building. A previous special permit allowed for one residential unit located at 104 Lauzier Ter. Applicant – Rui & Fatima Mendes, 190 Southwood Dr., Ludlow, MA 01056.

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CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **James Meenaghan** of Chelmsford, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **James Meenaghan** of Chelmsford, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **an unsupervised** administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 11/05/2020**.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M Hyland,** First Justice of this Court.
Date: October 08, 2020
Suzanne T. Seguin
Register of Probate
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CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by: **Karen M Lothrop** of Chicopee, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Karen M Lothrop** of Chicopee, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **an unsupervised** administration.

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(413)748-7758
Docket No. HD20P1664EA
Estate of: Robert A Marcil
Also known as:
Robert Arthur Marcil
Date of Death: 07/23/2020
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Howard R Marcil** of West Springfield, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that:**Howard R Marcil** of West Springfield, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **an unsupervised** administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 10/30/2020**.

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A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses ofadministration.

WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M Hyland,** First Justice of this Court.
Date: September 25, 2020
Suzanne T. Seguin
Register of Probate
10/16/2020

PUBLIC NOTICES

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Hampden Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
(413)748-7758
Docket No. HD20P1717EA
Estate of: John S Palys
Date of Death: 12/13/2019
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by: **Linda A Collier** of Chicopee, MA and **Susan Dziczek** of Holyoke, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Linda A Collier** of Chicopee, MA and **Susan Dziczek** of Holyoke, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **With Personal Surety** on the bond in **a supervised** administration.

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WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M Hyland,** First Justice of this Court.
Date: October 02, 2020
Suzanne T. Seguin
Register of Probate
10/16/2020

CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR TERMINATION OF A GUARDIAN OF AN INCAPACITATED PERSON
Docket No. HD16P2325GD
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Probate and Family Court
50 State Street,
Springfield MA, 01103
In the Interests of:
Reymi Rivera
Of: Chicopee, MA
RESPONDENT Incapacitated Person/Protected Person

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Department of Children and Families of Holyoke, MA in the above captioned matter requesting that the court terminate the guardianship.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Guardian and/or Conservator should be allowed to resign; or should be removed for good cause; or that the Guardianship and/or Conservatorship is no longer necessary and therefore should be terminated. The original petition is on file with the court.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 AM on the return date of **11/02/2020**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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WITNESS, Hon. Barbara M. Hyland, First Justice of this Court
Date: October 06, 2020
Suzanne T. Seguin,
Register of Probate
10/16/2020

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Hampden Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
(413)748-7758
Docket No. HD20C20C0168CA
In the matter of:
Courtney May Tessier
CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

A **Petition to Change Name of Minor** has been filed by **Courtney May Tessier of Chicopee, MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:

Courtney May Belisle
IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Hampden Probate and Family Court before **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 10/29/2020**.

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WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M Hyland,** First Justice of this Court.
Date: October 01, 2020
Suzanne T. Seguin
Register of Probate
10/16/2020

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Hampden Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
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Docket No. HD20C0172CA
In the matter of:
Seth Aaron Tiber
CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

A **Petition to Change Name of Adult** has been filed by **Seth Aaron Tiber of Chicopee, MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:

Seth Aaron Myslinski
IMPORTANT NOTICE

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WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M Hyland,** First Justice of this Court.
Date: October 06, 2020
Suzanne T. Seguin
Register of Probate
10/16/2020

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
Docket No. HD15P2032PM
In the matter of:
Josephine Zack
of Agawam, MA formerly
Of: Chicopee, MA
Protected Person/ Disabled Person/ Respondent
CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF CONSERVATOR'S ACCOUNT

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, you are hereby notified pursuant to Rule 72 of the Supplemental Rules of the Probate & Family Court, that the **Third and Final** account(s) of **Susan McCoy** of Springfield, MA as Conservator of the property of said Respondent has or have been presented to the Court for allowance.

You have the right to object to the account(s). If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this court on or before 10:00 a.m. on the return date of **10/30/2020**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to object to the account(s). If you fail to file the written appearance and objection by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you, including the allowance of the account(s).

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WITNESS, Hon. Barbara M Hyland, First Justice of this Court.
Date: October 06, 2020
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10/16/2020

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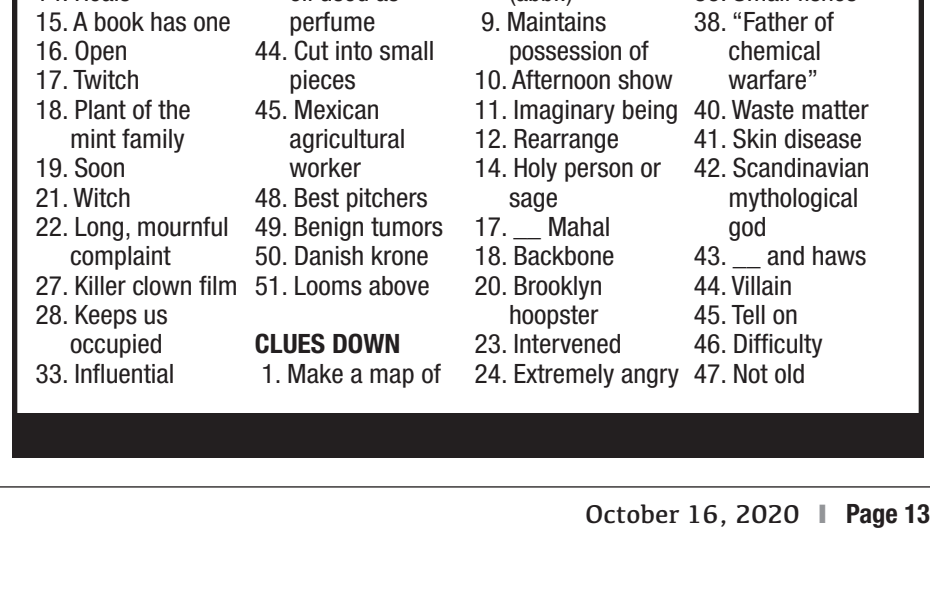

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7. Upstate NY airport (abbr.)
10. Fruit
12. Seventh avatar of Vishnu
13. Organism that grows without air
14. Heals
15. A book has one
16. Open
17. Twitch
18. Plant of the mint family
19. Soon
21. Witch
22. Long, mournful complaint
27. Killer clown film
28. Keeps us occupied
33. Influential lawyer
34. Formation of concepts
36. Insecticide
37. Swiss river
38. Actress Lucy
39. Unit of g-force
40. Can repel attackers
41. Essential oil used as perfume
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45. Mexican agricultural worker
48. Best pitchers
49. Benign tumors
50. Danish krone
51. Looms above

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2. Cain and __
3. Dried-up
4. Corporate exec (abbr.)
5. Trading floor hand gesture
6. Strongly alkaline solution
7. Yemen capital
8. Military leader (abbr.)
9. Maintains possession of
10. Afternoon show
11. Imaginary being
12. Rearrange
14. Holy person or sage
17. __ Mahal
18. Backbone
20. Brooklyn hoopster
23. Intervened
24. Extremely angry
25. Indicates position
26. Chinese surname
29. Potato state
30. When you think you'll get there
31. __ Falls
32. Bullfighters
35. Born of
36. Small fishes
38. "Father of chemical warfare"
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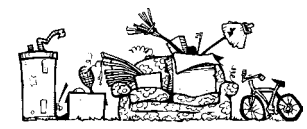

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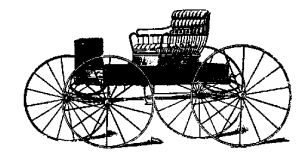

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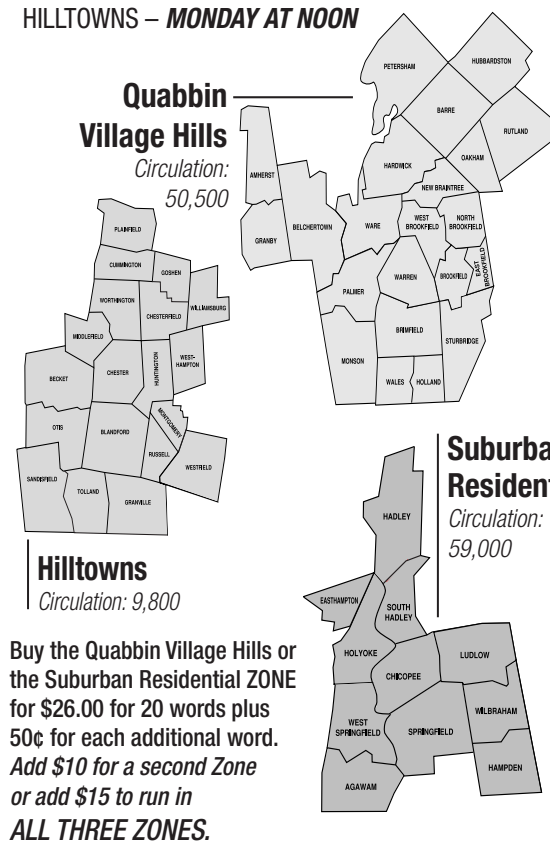

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DAY/DAY SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS AND PARAEDUCATORS. The Ludlow Public School District is currently accepting applications for the 2020-2021 school year. Applicants can apply online at www.schoolspring.com for more information contact Carie Haluch at 413.583.8372 ext. 121

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TOWN OF LUDLOW Full time G2 Mechanic/Light Equip Operator, Westover Golf Course. Duties: repair, maintain, test electrical, pneumatic and hydraulic systems on equip; maintain cutting units within factory specs & inspect/adjust reel/bed knife units; purchase/maintain stock; schedule service on equip. Also, maintain golf course, grounds, buildings and set up course as needed. Must be able to work independently, conduct safety checks of equip and adhere to safety rules/procedures. Exp. as Equip. Operator & min. 3 yrs w/gas & diesel engine repair; hydraulic and electrical systems & exp. w/reel & bed knife cutting units preferred. Must have valid MA Driver's Lic, Must obtain MA Class 2D Hoisters Lic & become CPR/AED certified within 6 mths of hire. Rate: $19.60 - $22.92.
Go to www.ludlow.ma.us for application. Submit completed App., resume & cover ltr by October 22, 2020 to: HR@ludlow.ma.us or mail to HR Dept, 488 Chapin St, Ludlow, MA 01056. Town of Ludlow is an EOE/AA.

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